

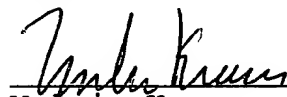
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29. A method according to claim 28, wherein the  
resistance member is the fuel rod holding portion of the lower  
tie plate.--

REMARKS

By the present amendment, new claims 24-29 have been presented directed to the method of the present invention and which are readable on the species identified as I and the species identified as B, as previously elected, with traverse, in the Response filed March 29, 1996. Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 24-29 should be considered together with the other claims indicated as readable on the elected species.

To the extent necessary, applicant's petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (501.25507CX5) and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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